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**SUPPLEMENTAL
REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR**

Docket Number (Optional)
032687-8

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6,357,970, granted March 19, 2002, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled COMPRESSIBLE WELDED WIRE WALL FOR RETAINING EARTHEN FORMATIONS,

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on 3/12/04 as reissue application number 10 / 799,492

and was amended on _____

(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

☐ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b). Attached is form PTO/SB/02B (or equivalent) listing the foreign applications.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☒ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

The specification is defective in that patent Claim 17 erroneously defines the reinforcing mats as being "in generally horizontally spaced relationship," whereas it should have defined the reinforcing mats as being "in generally horizontal spaced relationship."

This is a broadening reissue to correct applicants' error in claiming less than they had a right to claim. The error was the result of patent Claim 17 unnecessarily limiting the support means to being movable relative to the face and the first soil reinforcing mat to having a face. New Claims 20 - 22 address this error.

All errors being corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention of the applicants.

New Claim 20 is similar to, but broader than, original patent Claim 17 in that it does not call for the "support means" to be "movable relative to the face."

New Claims 21 and 22 are of a scope similar to, but broader than, original patent Claim 17 in that they do not define the first mat as "having a face." Rather, they define the face as being connected to the first mat. New Claim 22 is also broader than original patent Claim 17 in that it does not call for the support means to be movable relative to the face.

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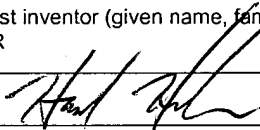
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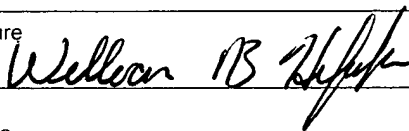
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